(vi) Promotion of sub-staff to clerical cadre; and

(vii) Postponement of increments to probationers.

In addition, demands have also been made for restoration of certain concessions such as halting allowance, uniforms to sub-staff, computer allowance, concession to employees relating to gold loan which are reported to have been withheld and withdrawal of disciplinary cases, etc.

(b) The Central Industrial Relations Machinery seized the matter under conciliation and discussions were held on 19th January, 1988, 20th January, 1988; 4th February; 1988; 5th February, 1988; 1st March; 1988 and 2nd March, 1988. Though an agreement could not be brought about, both the parties have requested that the conciliation proceedings should not be declared as failed as they prefer a negotiated settlement rather than a reference for adjudication. In view of this common desire, for a nagotiated settlement, further intervention will be made by the Central Industrial Relations Machinery at the appropriate time.

Implementation of Fifteen-Point Programme

2496. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minorities Commission has made its 15 point recommendation to the Government regarding protection of minorities in the country;

(b) whether these recommendations were forwarded to State Govts. by the Central Government for implementation of these recommendations in their States; and

(c) if so, the reaction/reply of each State and progress made by each of the State Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pressure on Gujarat State Fertilizer Company for its Ammonia plant

2497. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pressure has been exerted on the Gujarat State Fertilizer Company not to open the price bids for its ammonia plant; and

(b) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir; it is not a fact that any pressure has been exerted on M/s. Gujarat State Fertilizer Company not to open the price bids for its proposed ammonia plant.

ITDC publicity work through DAVP

2498. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the I.T.D.C. on account of publicity work through D.A.V.P. and Private Agencies during the period 1st January, 1985 and 31st December, 1987 yearwise;

(b) the names and addresses of Private Agencies engaged for the purpose and amount given to each of the agency during the same period;